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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

United Republic of Tanzania*: draft resolution

Population and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/124 of 20 December 1995 and 51/176 of 16 December 1996 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/42 of 22 July 1997, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly, at its fifty-second session, decide on the process and modalities, including the possibility of convening a special session of the Assembly in 1999, for reviewing and appraising the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[1]

Stressing the need to further pursue the implementation of the Programme of Action and for Governments to recommit themselves at the highest political level to achieving its goals and objectives,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

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1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the process and modalities for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

2. Decides to convene the special session for a duration of one week in June 1999, at the highest possible level of participation, in order to review and appraise the implementation of the Programme of Action;

3. Welcomes the decision of the Commission on Population and Development to devote its thirty-first session to addressing substantive issues relating to the review of the Programme of Action;

4. Decides that the Commission on Population and Development, which is currently scheduled to consider at its thirty-second session a comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the quinquennial review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action, should serve as the preparatory committee for the final preparations for the special session for the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action; in this regard, the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General should also contain overall assessment of the progress achieved and constraints faced in the implementation of the Programme of Action, as well as recommendations for future action;

5. Decides also that the thirty-second session of the Commission shall be open-ended to allow the full participation of all States;

6. Reaffirms that the special session for the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Programme of Action, and that it is not intended to renegotiate the existing agreement contained therein;

7. Invites Governments to consider undertaking reviews of the progress achieved and the constraints faced therein in the implementation of the Programme of Action at the national and regional levels, with a view to contributing to the preparations for the special session;

8. Invites the United Nations Population Fund and all other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to contribute to the special session as well as to its preparation;

9. Recognizes the important role played by non-governmental organizations and other organizations of civil society in the implementation of the Programme of Action, and stresses the need for their active involvement in the preparations for the special session, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996;

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[a] A/52/208/Add.1.

10. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a progress report on the preparations for the special session;

11. Decides to include an item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development" in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.